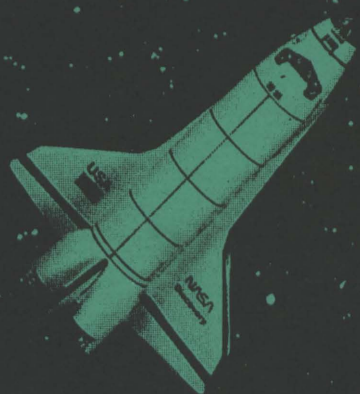


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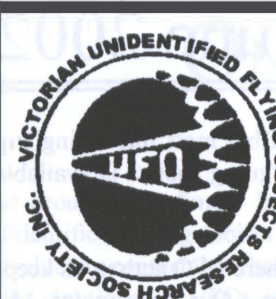
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In our last Editorial, we were taken, by our Science Adviser on a brief but most interesting trip through time and space. We have noticed the video of this most intriguing subject is available from ABC shops.

We now have a new playground of time and space! In country Victoria where UFO activity is keeping us - and others - busy documenting their many and exciting activities. Our investigator, Mr. Paul Norman has been endeavouring to ascertain the source of their activity, but they are extremely elusive, and the people living in the area, though they see them often, treat them with ignore.

Videos have been taken of some of their activities and these will be available and ready for the 7th July meeting at the Royal Victorian Aero Club. We are certain you will find the video quite fascinating.

It appears there has been a dearth of UFO sightings around the world recently, as most research groups, world wide, seem to be reappraising many of the numerous reports of the 50's. Though this may be the case, we are very excited about the Victorian lights we have been watching lately and which appear to react to flashlight or laser.

Welcome Back N.S.W. It is good to see your publication UFO Reporter back in circulation again. We wish you well.

The main intention of this daytime meeting was to give an opportunity to members who, for various reasons, cannot attend the night meetings in the city; to catch up on numerous cases, to view the latest videos and to relax in the luxurious venue of the Victorian Aero Club. The Managers of the venue have 'bent over backwards' to accommodate us and we are all very much looking forward to the event and the support of our members.



Election Notice – 2002

At our General Meeting to be held on 2nd September 2002, a new Committee will either be declared or elected.

Nominations must be submitted on a clean sheet of paper containing the signatures of a nominator and seconder, who both must be financial members of this Society. All nominations are required to be in the hands of the Secretary, **No Later than the 15th July, 2002.**

ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman © 2002

The drought has finally broken with regard to Unidentified Flying Object activity in Victoria. A valuable contact has been observing usually daily sightings of UFOs in a Victorian valley since early June last year. Since that time the activity has been followed up by VUFORS investigators with on-going visits to the valley. The observer's identity will not be disclosed until he wishes to go public.

The location of the valley will also remain confidential until sufficient video footage has been analysed by selected scientists with many years experience in this field of investigation. Hopefully at least one or two scientists from overseas will visit the valley if the sightings continue.

The pattern of activity is similar to that which occurred in the Hessdalen Valley of central Norway, having commenced in 1981 and ceased in 1983. The September 2001 issue of the Australian UFO Bulletin gives some of the information I acquired during my visit to central Norway in 1986 and 1987.

An article by Philip Mantle in the January 2002 edition of the MUFON Journal discloses an interview with Odd-Gunner Roed, the Project Coordinator of the Hessdalen Valley Project. That activity has now returned and is increasing coincidentally with a similar pattern in the Victorian valley.

The Victorian lights appear to be operating in concert with a large object as they go back and forth to this much larger object. At times, there appears to be no indication of the purpose of the lights as they fly within or above the valley. Most of their time is spent flying within the val-

ley. The smaller lights have been observed flying in formation.

Responses to low power laser light signalling in the two valleys differ. At Hessdalen an object responds by doubling its flash rate when a laser is pointed at it, whereas the Victorian objects turn their lights off. When an aircraft flies overhead in Victoria the UFO lights go off as if they do not wish to be seen. When the aircraft is no longer in view, the UFO lights return.

Sometimes the Victorian lights do not appear until the observer flashes a spotlight over the valley. Most times they appear soon afterwards. Occasionally, the objects respond with the same number of flashes. Infrequently, a solid object can be seen when its lights are off. This happens at the Norwegian and Victorian sites.

At the Norwegian site, radar can be used to detect the objects, but on some occasions they are seen and are not detected by the radar. Unfortunately, we do not have radar facilities so can make no comparison but the observer has abundant video footage.

Dr J. Allen Hynek, former consultant on UFOs for the United States Air Force, visited the Hessdalen Valley and described the project as a UFO laboratory. He was extremely impressed by the results of the project. In short the project was viewed as science verses the UFO.

International interest is spreading and we hope that at least one or two scientists from overseas will visit Australia. The Hessdalen Valley is 15 kilometres long, about the same size as the valley in Victoria. The main puzzle is why activity

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is confined to one valley. They may venture further afield when most people are asleep, or do not light up at these times. About 200 people live in the Hessdalen valley whereas there are only two houses in the Victorian valley, and the local forest obscures clear viewing from these houses.

I have visited the site ten times in the past six weeks as this is being written, and have observed two large objects along with up to six smaller objects operating in concert with the large ones. The location from which the UFOs are being videoed only has room for two cars and it is necessary to keep interference to a

minimum as this might upset the activity. We want to secure as much information as possible while the sightings last, however, footage will be shown at our public meetings.

The Victorian lights are usually white but have been observed changing to a yellowish colour, while others, a mixture of reds.

Several other geographical locations are known to attract UFOs in large numbers such as the Pennine Hills in Northern England, Marfa Texas and as it now appears, a valley in Victoria, Australia.

Pilots Quizzed on Craft Flying Sideways

UFO Newsclipping Service, Editor and Publisher: Lucius Farish

Kansas City, Jan 22 - Air force officers today questioned a Mid-Continent Air Lines pilot who reported seeing a mystery plane that he said can fly sideways and reverse its direction without turning around.

The pilot, Capt. Larry W Vinther, of Mission, Kan., spotted the mysterious aircraft over the Sioux City (Ia.) airport Saturday night. His story was confirmed by his co-pilot, J F Bachmeier, of Kansas City, Kan., and an unidentified civilian employee of the air force of Omaha, Neb., who also saw the strange craft.

Capt. Vinther told of seeing a mysterious light west of the Sioux City Airport after taking off. He said the control tower asked him to investigate the light. He continued: "At about 8,000 feet we could see a red light circling the field to the left. The light started to blink.

It began approaching us and it changed to a brilliant white light, similar to a landing light but without glare. It came within 200 feet of us. As it reached our left wing we could see the plane had a fuselage like a B-29 but about one and one half times as large. The wings were straight and there were no engine nacelles (housings).

We were doing 120 miles an hour, but instead of the plane passing us, it stopped opposite our wing and then began going in our direction, apparently without even turning. We tried to follow it but lost sight of the plane."

Co-pilot Bachmeier said, "The plane had a cigar-shaped fuselage. We saw no engine, no tail surface, and no evidence of exhaust. Outlined against the sky, it appeared like a giant cigar. It was unlighted as it came towards us sideways and there were no portholes."

Special VUFORS Meeting

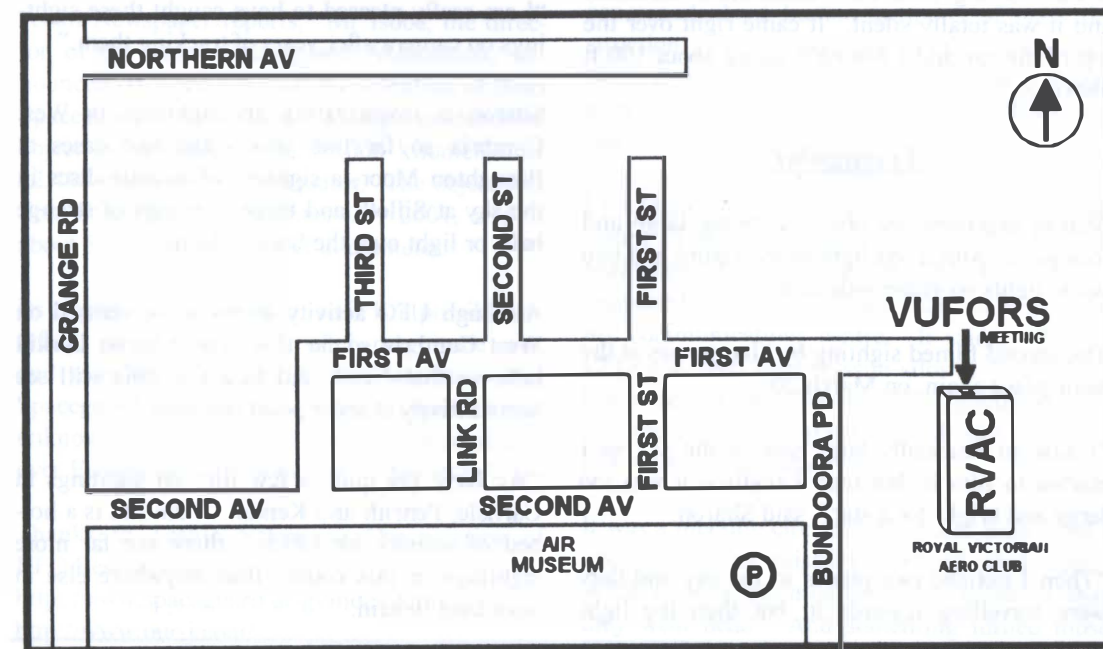
On **Sunday, 7th July**, VUFORS will hold an extra meeting at the **Royal Victorian Aero Club (RVAC)**, Moorabbin Airport, Mentone. All other meetings will remain at the Royal Society Hall in the city. The Moorabbin Airport meeting will run from **02:30 p.m. until 06:30 p.m.** VUFORS now has an office at the airport, thanks to Ric Wilson, our Aviation Consultant and Coordinator.

Come along and see the **latest video footage** of the recent exciting events taking place in the special Victorian valley referred to in the preceding "On The UFO Trail" article, plus other surprising presentations.

Why not come at 11:00 a.m. for lunch, or have dinner after 06:30 p.m. Meals are served from 11:00 a.m. to 02:30 p.m. and from 06:30 p.m. "to late". The menu provides a good variety at reasonable prices.

While having a meal or drink, view light aircraft activity on runways through the comfortable bar room lounge picture windows. Joy flights are available at a discount price. If interested in learning to fly, instructors are located just across the street. There is also an air museum near by.

Please refer to **Melway Map 87 G4** for the location of the **RVAC**. A more specific map is provided below to help you find a convenient parking spot. It is suggested that you proceed as follows: **Centre Dandenong Rd → Grange Rd → Second Av → Parking**. It is only a short walk to the **RVAC**.



UFOs 'Filmed' Over Former Arms Base

By Fran Walker

UFO Newsclipping Service, #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127 USA

Editor and Publisher: Lucius Farish

A Cumbrian UFO hunter claims to have video footage of two unidentified flying objects she spied over the former armaments depot at Broughton Moor.

Sharon Larkin, 28, from Harrington, has achieved minor fame though her work as the Investigations and administrations director of Cumbria UFO Research and investigations.

On Thursday, March 3, Sharon was watching the skies over Broughton Moor.

She said: "I saw a light in the distance that I thought was a star, but it started to move towards me and I realised it wasn't a star.

It was coming from the Cockermouth direction and it was totally silent. It came right over the top of the car and I filmed it going about 100 ft above us."

Triangular

Sharon describes the object as being large and triangular, with a red light in the centre and two white lights on either side of it.

The second filmed sighting by Sharon was at the same place again, on March 20.

"I saw an unusually large star in the sky so I started to film it, but then I realised it was too large and bright for a star," said Sharon.

"Then I noticed two planes in the sky and they were travelling towards it, but then the light

disappeared into nothing. Once the planes had gone, the light came back and it headed off towards the Isle of Man.

I zoomed in on it with my camera and saw it was a strange triangular formation of white lights, with a neon blue light in the centre - and I know aircraft don't have blue lights on them."

Both sets of video footage have now been sent to Germany and Derbyshire to be enhanced and analysed.

"When we see things like this we have got to be careful about what we assume is a UFO and what's just an aeroplane," said Sharon.

"I am really pleased to have caught these sightings on camera after years of tracking them."

Sharon is investigating six sightings in West Cumbria so far this year - the two cases at Broughton Moor, a sighting of strange discs in the sky at Silloth and three sightings of strange balls or light over the Solway Firth.

Although UFO activity seems to be centred on West Cumbria so far this year, Sharon Larkin believes that North and East Cumbria will see some activity at some point this year.

"We have got quite a few files on sightings in Carlisle, Penrith and Kendal. Cumbria is a hot-bed of activity for UFOs - there are far more sightings in this county than anywhere else in mainland Britain.

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Selected extracts from Filer's Files #17-2002 MUFON Skywatch Investigations

George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern

www.filersfiles.com - www.cewarren.com

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Top UFO Sightings: Pennsylvania star blinks off, North Carolina flying triangle, Georgia brilliant flash, Florida moving lights, Indiana witness photographs UFO, Wisconsin UFO follows witnesses, Colorado cylinder on video, Arizona row of lights, California sightings, Canada UFO landing, Cuba has numerous sightings, UK crop circle, Italy has 100 sightings, Hong Kong professor wants degrees in Ufology, Japan Research sees huge UFO in space, and The Disclosure Project reports UFOs flew over US nuclear weapons facilities.

Japan Spaceguard Association Observes UFO In Stationary Orbit

Asahi Newspaper reports, "Mr Isobe, the director of the Japan Spaceguard Association, announced on April 4th, that the scientists of Bisei Spaceguard Centre found a large unidentified object in stationary orbit 36,000 kilometres or 22,400 miles above the equator. The object was first observed on December 24, 2001, and is about 50 metres or 164 feet in diameter.

Its trajectory is controlled, so it is a possible artefact. It is seen like a ninth-magnitude star, and may be a US intelligence satellite. The Spaceguard official said that the object is still unknown. There are also artificial space objects over Europe that are 10 metres in diameter."

Thanks to Toshie Nakagawa Organization of UFO Research Japan:
<http://www.spaceguard.or.jp/index.html>
<http://www.our-j.com/>

UFOs Were Seen Over Air Force Nuclear Weapons Facilities

The Disclosure Project reports that several military and intelligence witnesses who were members of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and other nuclear specialists have come forward with testimony proving that UFOs are real and appear to be concerned about our nuclear weapons.

The Project has obtained the first hand testimony of several such insiders whose documents and corroborating testimony proves that UFOs have monitored sensitive nuclear facilities since at least the 1950s. While the UFOs were not hostile, it was made clear that they were very concerned about human weapons of mass destruction. On one occasion, UFOs over a SAC Nuclear launch area took more than a dozen intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) off line.

Lt. Colonel Dwyne Arneson: US Air Force, ret. states, "I was the top-secret control officer at Malmstrom AFB for the 20th Air Division. I happened to see a message that came through my communications centre. It said ... that 'A UFO was seen near missile silos' ... and it was hovering. It said that the crew going on duty and the crew coming off duty all saw the UFO just hovering in midair.

It was a metallic circular object and from what I understand, the missiles were all shut down. What I mean by 'missiles going down' is that they went dead. And something turned those

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missiles off, so they couldn't be put back in a mode for launching."

Captain Robert Salas: SAC Missile Launch Officer [1964-1971]: "The UFO incident happened on the morning of March 16, 1967, at Oscar Flight one of five launch control facilities assigned to the 490th Strategic Missile Squadron.

I received a call from my topside security guard ... and he said that he and some of the guards had been observing some strange lights flying around the site and the launch control facility. I said, you mean UFO? He said, well, he didn't know what they were but they were lights and were flying around. They were not airplanes; they were not helicopters, they weren't making any noise ...

[A little later] our missiles started shutting down one by one. By shutting down, I mean they went into a 'no-go' condition meaning they could not be launched. These weapons were Minuteman One missiles and were of course nuclear-tipped warhead missiles ... this incident was of extreme concern to SAC headquarters because they couldn't explain it."

Colonel Ross Dedrickson: US Air Force/Atomic Energy Commission, ret. said, "After retiring from the Air Force I joined the Boeing company and was responsible for accounting for all of the nuclear fleet of Minuteman missiles. In this incident they actually photographed the UFO following the missile as it climbed into space and, shining a beam on it, neutralized the missile.

I also learned of a number of incidents such as a couple of nuclear weapons sent into space were destroyed by the extraterrestrials. Our government sent a nuclear weapon for explosion on the moon's surface ... [And] the ETs destroyed the

weapon as it went toward the moon. [Apparently] the idea of any explosion in space by any Earth government was not acceptable to the extraterrestrials, and that has been demonstrated over and over."

Professor Robert Jacobs: Lt. USAF 1369th Photo Squadron: "... we were testing ballistic missiles that were to deliver nuclear weapons on target ... my duty [was] to supervise the instrumentation photography of every missile that went down in that western test range ... and into the frame came something else. It flew into the frame and shot a beam of light at the warhead.

Now, remember, all this stuff was flying at several thousand miles an hour, so this thing fires a beam of light at the warhead, hits it, ... The warhead tumbles out of space. The object, the points of light that we saw, the warhead and so forth, were travelling through subspace about sixty miles straight up, and they were going somewhere in the neighbourhood of eleven to fourteen thousand miles an hour, when this thing caught up to them, flew in, flew around them, and flew back out."

Mr Harland Bentley: "I have been in a graduate program for nuclear engineering ... and have been working contracts since 1963: NASA, Department of Energy, and several other electronics firms in the DC area. I was at a facility in California ... doing classified work ... which I can't say too much about ... Our astronauts were doing a loop around the moon in 1967 or 1968 ... I heard them say they had a bogey [term used to denote UFOs]...it was another type of ship.

There were portals that they could see into. They could see beings of some sort. They did not describe these beings, they just took photographs. They just said it was a saucer shaped craft. Then they said, 'There they go,' and they

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[the bogey] went out of sight almost immediately." The Disclosure Project, a non-profit research and public interest group, has identified hundreds of military, intelligence, government and corporate witnesses. See: <http://www.DisclosureProject.org>

Thanks to Bruce-Knapp
ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Editors Notes: I have met or talked to many of the witnesses who have impressive UFO knowledge that they obtained while working for the government. Very few UFO investigators have the first hand knowledge these witnesses possess.

Pennsylvania Star Blinks Off

Beaver Falls - The witness arrived home on April 1, 2002, after spending the Easter weekend with his parents and spotted a star like object 55 degrees above the horizon at 07:45 p.m. The witness says, "Out of all those stars, I looked right at the one star that suddenly turned off! It was just like a light bulb going out, it was weird. There were other stars around this one, but it was the brightest star in that small cluster. What are the odds of that?"

There's a small airport nearby, but I heard no engines. This light didn't move and it seemed to be in space. Two seconds of observation isn't long enough to get detail." Peter Davenport suggests this could have been the flash of an Iridium satellite, or a tumbling rocket booster.

Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC Director,
<http://www.ufocenter.com>

North Carolina Flying Triangle Sighting

Cornelius - The witness reports, "I was laying in my hammock on April 2, 2002, and staring up at the sky at 08:55 p.m., and I saw two triangles a light amber brown in colour flying almost directly over head. They looked about the average size of an airplane but seemed to fly much lower.

There was no sound and no lights on the objects. I knew it was nothing I have ever seen before. The sighting lasted a few seconds with several planes flying south and west in the same direction as the triangles about 5 to 10 seconds behind."

Thanks to NUFORC
<http://www.ufocenter.com>

Georgia Brilliant Flash

McDonough - MUFONGA State Director Tom Sheets contacted the witness who had taken his wife to work on April 16, 2002. Around 07:15 a.m., 20 miles SE of Atlanta, the witness noticed a very high thin white contrail, which covered about 80 degrees in the clear sky and was being deployed to the east toward the rising sun.

As he watched, a bright 'flare-up' began at the head of the contrail. This 'flare-up' was like a very bright star, about the size of a BB at arm's length, silver to reddish as it seemed to glow or burn and continued moving eastward. Duration was about 1-2 minutes, when it suddenly just disappeared.

The contrail seemed to dissolve very quickly. No sound was heard. Nothing solid was ob-

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served until the 'flare-up' began. Some possible explanations are a substantially bright meteor burn or returning space junk. While it could have been an aircraft giving off a dramatic reflection of sunlight, the length of the actual 'flare-up' or glow might rule this out.

The annual Lyrids meteor shower normally begins about 19 April and ends about 23 April. Similar reports have also been received in Georgia during the return of the space shuttle but most likely explanation is an extreme reflection off of a very high flying aircraft.

Thanks to: Tom Sheets, SD MUFONGA, and ISUR Board.

Florida Swiftly Moving Lights

Jacksonville - The witness was trying to locate Mars in order to find the comet Ikeya-Zhang on March 31, 2002, but a cluster of swiftly moving lights caught his attention. The lights numbered five or six and the intensity of their luminosity was no greater than the fainter visible stars that night. They moved north at a high unchanging rate of speed in a roughly straight line. They didn't strobe but there were too many and the configuration was unusual.

The lights reorganized into a rough arc very quickly and the trailing lights increased speed slightly and took positions on the east side of the arc as the others spread out to the west. The pattern was very tight which lead me to discount military aircraft in formation. The lights remained in the arc formation and at roughly the same altitude.

I would be content to dismiss this formation as satellites but for two factors: Their high rate of speed and the ability to reconfigure their positions simultaneously.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director of NUFORC

Indiana Witness Photographs UFO

Dunlap - Brian Vike reports the witness was driving southwest on US 33, February 12, 2002, past the Concord Mall south of Elkhart Indiana at 07:00 p.m. He states, "I spotted a greenish light out of my drivers side wing mirror. I saw no other cars and thought this was a train coming out of the Robert Young Rail Yards and heading south towards Goshen."

It became apparent that this object was traveling much faster than a train and had crossed the tracks and was approaching the road. I pulled out my camera and snapped two pictures as it crossed over my explorer, headed towards the mall, banking and rose out of sight. These two pictures were taken as fast I as could work the button. My camera was a clever-cam digital camera and I was shooting out of the front window of a Ford Explorer.

The object travelled south and passed over me from the left rear to the right front. It was low but climbing fast. I would estimate its height when it passed over me as about 100 feet high. I heard no noise but had a sense of immense power moving at 400 mph. The object was dark, but seemed to be delta shaped 15 to 20 feet long. See website and photo frame 333.

Thanks to Brian Vike
http://www.geocities.com/ufologia_canadiana/Palouse.html

Wisconsin UFO Follows Witnesses

Hollister - UFO Wisconsin witness reports, "My parents came home about 08:15 p.m. and my Mom told me that my dad spotted something

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weird in the sky on April 13, 2002. I ran outside and saw this light moving across the sky from NE to SW. It was much larger than the stars that were out. It moved across the sky until it fizzled out just before the tree line. This lasted about 30 seconds to a minute."

Thanks to:
http://www.ufowisconsin.com/county/reports/r2002_0412_sauk.html

Merrick - Jerry and Debbie C report that my wife and son (he's 12) were getting home late on April 12, 2002, around 08:30 p.m. from shopping. My other son (he is 9) and I were worried. They just pulled in the driveway and were yelling "look at that," nervously, "it was following us." They were scared. This was no plane or helicopter. It was bright yellow and just above the trees moving very slowly and hovering. It looked like a star but off colour yellow.

My son ran to get the camcorder but with the lighting in town we couldn't adjust it or see it in the viewfinder. We all agreed that it was a UFO. It vibrated, pulsed, with little side-to-side movements. Very weird, scary - we see a lot of weird lights around here. This is where professional equipment would capture awesome video or pictures.

Thanks to John Hoppe,
Director@ufowisconsin.com
http://www.ufowisconsin.com/county/reports/r2002_0408_fondulac.html

Colorado Video of Cylinder Probably The Best Ever

Salida - Tim Edward's reports his six year old daughter Brandy saw the object and was persistent in telling Dad there was huge cigar shaped

UFO darting, and dancing around just to the west and north of the corona of the sun. During the August 27, 1995, sighting the object was easily seen with the naked eye so Tim grabbed his video camera and started filming the cigar or tubular shaped object. The UFO had a very intense glimmering white light that surrounded the craft in a very light grey mist as viewed against the crystal blue sky.

The craft appeared to be at least 2 to 3 times higher than a jet that passed underneath flying east moments before Tim started taping. Massive-Laboratories estimates the craft was at least 700 feet to a half-mile long. Tim personally felt the craft was close to a mile long. The craft made movements up to 30 degrees and came to a complete stop almost instantaneously. The craft appeared to walk or step across the sky as in a fast frame advance or projection of itself to the next image.

Tim looked through his binoculars and stated, "It had the appearance of being in its own space, and it was like looking through fog or mist and looking into another world, very surreal. The craft had a double row of rectangular windows with sequential and revolving very pale red and green lights. The craft somewhat had the appearance of translucency." Twice during sighting duration an inner sphere surrounded by a Saturn like tubular ring was observed.

The sighting took one hour and 15 minutes from 09:25 to 10:40 a.m. There was no noise but there was the sensation of a dull electrical charge in the air that was extremely spiritual. We can speculate the craft was aware of our presence. There were over 30 people in Colorado who observed the craft that weekend. Tim concluded this technology way in the future with very advanced types of propulsion and travel-dimensional, time etc.

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My belief is that we are looking at the side of a wheel in a lot of the cigar UFO sightings. Virtually the same craft can be seen at the Monterey Mexico stills at:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/framemst.html>

Click on the picture to the left entitled Edward's.

Tim filmed the craft for 6 and half minutes and has put together eighty minutes of video coverage of numerous TV shows and newscasts of the event. The video also includes Triangular UFO footage over Salida on September 10, 2001, and a tour of ET's Landing Restaurant. Send \$24.95 check or money order to Tim Edward's, 8425 Ct. Rd. 144, Salida, Colorado, 81201-edwards@my.amigo.net for your copy.

Arizona Daylight Filming of UFO

Phoenix - Victoria Liljenquist reports, "It was so exciting to have the UFO fly over my neighbourhood during the day at 03:30 p.m. on March 18, 2002. Transmissions indicate that there will be more sightings for all of us to experience. As I was out feeding the birds, suddenly I looked up and saw the craft travelling over the top of the houses. It was about a block away from my house, at approximately 1500 feet. Travelling south from Camelback Road toward Indian School Road.

I was able to film it for about 2 minutes. Just before it disappeared, an airplane from Sky Harbour, which had just taken off and was gradually ascending, actually flew right past it. I am sure the pilot saw it." She says, "I also filmed a Cigar-Shaped Craft which was studied at Village Labs and proved identical to the Cigar-Shaped Craft of Tim Edward's. I believe Tim's appeared in July 1996, and mine in October 1996.

The Brotherhood of Light (which I call them) will indicate to me where/what time, they shall

arrive." Victoria Liljenquist also says, "She predicted UFOs over the Winter Olympic games and several witnesses reported seeing an UFO at that time." My film, documentation has been studied by experts, including Village Labs in Phoenix, she said. Victoria has appeared on National TV, International and National Radio shows.

Thanks to Victoria Liljenquist
www.victoriaslight.com

Phoenix - Myself, staff, and guests were out on the patio of an upscale North Scottsdale Resort when we saw objects hovering in lower Southwest Phoenix, near Squaw Peak on March 20, 2002. These objects were very bright, and would flicker like a candle from very bright to going completely out at 07:35 p.m. The objects would once again appear in another area, in a different pattern.

First, there were four objects lined up and evenly spaced in a horizontal pattern. Later, three objects were in a triangle pattern. We have seen these lights for the past couple of weeks. There are at least two, but sometimes more. They seem amber in colour, and once they light up, they do not move until they fade out and then they reappear. They are very bright in contrast to the air traffic.

Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC.

California Flying Diamond

Farmersville - The witnesses went outside at 06:45 p.m., to stargaze when they observed a bright light travelling northeast on March 29, 2002. The light was about 30 degrees above the horizon and travelling very fast. The light faded in and out similar to an Iridium satellite, but much faster and not as high in elevation. Also,

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we have never seen an Iridium travelling in this direction.

When the light faded, there were no marker lights visible. It was very dim when it faded. I had printed out a list of satellites from the Heavens Above website and looked on the list for satellites of a similar brightness, time and direction. The brightness was matched for ISS, but it was in the south. The next would have been the Shenzhou III, but we saw it several minutes later; the altitude was much higher (59 degrees) compared to the earlier light.

The light appeared to be at an elevation similar to a jet, but did not make any sound. We are familiar with the local air traffic, satellites and meteors; this did not appear to be any of those. Weather was clear, temperature 70 degrees and no breeze.

Oakland - On Saturday, April 20, 2002, at about 07:00 p.m. the witness was sitting on his balcony and the sun had already begun to set, and the sky was still blue with intervals of passing clouds. The witness says, "I was looking out towards the north east when my eye caught a silver object just sitting high up in the sky." I ran inside to grab my binoculars. I was looking at this object and my hands began shaking and my heart was pounding, unsure of just what I was actually looking at.

I looked at this blurred kind of egg shaped object and I could see the sunlight bouncing off it. Just then a commercial aircraft passed through the foreground of my binocular lens, and I could tell the object was considerably higher and distant compared to the plane. I looked for about 2 minutes before a section of clouds rolled in obscuring my view and I never saw it again.

There were no unconventional flying methods displayed. Over the past three years, I have seen

hundreds of planes from my balcony and this was not at all recognizable as a plane. This object was literally suspended in one spot, and much higher in altitude than any of the planes I witness.

Thanks to theloutz@hotmail.com

Canada - Did ET Phone Alberta?

Hutterite Colony - The Calgary Sun reports, George Hoofer returned to his home in Southeast Alberta with a strange tale of a funnel of fire in a farmer's field. The funnel lit up the night for an hour, then faded into sparkles. A month later, farmer Ken Masson found a three-metre-wide circle in his field, with four indentations inside.

Word spread quickly that an alien spacecraft had landed. This week, a University of Lethbridge geologist refuted the UFO theory, but replaced it with an explanation nearly as interesting. Pano Karkanis said the crater in Masson's field near Etzikom, 250 km southeast of Calgary, was caused by a meteorite. Karkanis analysed the soil in the crater and tested it for radioactivity. He found no signs of radioactive material that might suggest exposure to extraterrestrial technology, nor did he find anything else indicating a spacecraft had landed.

He dismissed the indentations as marks made by rainfall, saying the meteorite probably buried itself a metre deep in Masson's field. But Karkanis' findings drew criticism. Masson himself didn't buy the rainwater explanation, pointing out the area had been dry as a bone, with farmers such as himself lamenting the absence of rainfall.

Others have said a meteorite wouldn't produce the effect Hofer saw, and that it would have left

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residue in the crater. Also, the crater's perfectly circular shape is not likely the result of a meteorite impact.

Thanks to: CNEWS Space Canoe Internet, http://www.canoe.ca/CNEWSspace0106/28_meteor-sun.html
June 28, 2001.

Courtney/Comox Valley, British Columbia - Investigator Brian Vike reports a lady has contacted him about on going events. This all started many years ago when this lady was a youngster and her Mother watched an object hovering over their field and found a large circle burnt into the crop. From that day on she claims to have seen UFOs and she now is 48 years old with a family of her own, and still has "contact."

She has awakened with bruises and different kinds of markings on her body and her son who is now 28 years old, has the same type of markings. Many times they have taken their son to the doctor's only to come away with no answers for the condition his body is in, but it always seems to heal up. She has seen visitors that completely scare her and she keeps her blinds closed completely as night falls. No one knows about what has been taking place other than her family members.

Cuba Has Numerous UFOs

Mike Bird reports, "I've just returned from a week in Cuba. It was a vacation week with my wife, but on Thursday, I made the 3 hour bus ride into Havana, to meet with 5 Cuban UFO Researchers, the oldest of which was a 70 year old retired physics professor, who had his own sighting in 1954 and the youngest maybe 30.

They have never been in contact with North American researchers. They gave me a 300

page book, entitled 'Signos', and in Spanish about the rich history of UFO activity in Cuba. I watched a 45 minute video entitled 'Ovni's in Cuba', by Octavio Cortazar."

Thanks to Mike Bird.

United Kingdom First Crop Formation of 2002

The first formation of the year has been reported at Soberton, Hampshire, England, found April 12. A simple 60 foot circle or ring in canola, with two small standing circles in the ring is a humble beginning to another season. <http://cropcircleconnector.com/2002/soberton2002a/soberton2002a.html>

Italian UFO News Flash - New "Flap" Over The Alps

The Italian Centre for UFO Studies #351 News-flash reports that at 10:20 p.m. on April 6, a luminous body reddish in colour, followed by a green-bluish trail, was observed and in some cases photographed, for a few seconds by very many people in Northeast Italy, Czechoslovakia, Germany and the Netherlands.

Pilots in flight also reported the presence of the strange luminous phenomenon. Later on the same night, there were reported two other similar albeit less sensational phenomena: over Belgium, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. These sightings appear to be from a bolide, a spectacular meteorite.

Italy has 100 sightings in three months. There are 44 cases gathered for March (following the 16 for February and the 41 of January). Half of the month's reports resulted from the passage of a bolide on March 19th. There were 13 daytime

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sightings, 5 close encounters, 1 case involving humanoids, 2 photos and 2 films, and 5 cases involving effects on the physical surroundings.

Thanks to CISU, Giorgio Abraini and Sebastiano Ridolfi. Italian Centre for UFO Studies <http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/casi0201.htm>

Hong Kong Professor Wants Ufology Degree Awarded

Joseph Whan is manager of a laboratory at the Hong Kong City University. He checks the structural performance of buildings, but his real interest is in UFOs. He says, "If something flies over there is a good reason to study what they

are doing." He and many members of his UFO Club regularly meet to study UFOs. They meet at the UFO Station cafe where there is a library and regular discussions.

Professor Albert Sow (sp) desires to have a Ufology degree awarded at the university level for major knowledge of the UFO phenomena. He explained, "The Chinese culture and the East is more open to easily believe in something supernatural." He showed drawings and documents that claimed a Chinese emperor met a flying boat shaped UFO a thousand years ago.

Thanks to Bill Hamilton. See the CNN video. <http://premium.asia.cnn.com/pr/video/meta/tech/2002/04/16/klh.hk.ufo.ology.cnn.low.asx>

SETI@home - Benefits and Considerations

While the long-term benefits of joining the SETI@home distributed computing system have great potential long term benefits for the human race, especially if contact can be achieved with extra-terrestrial intelligent life, there are also much shorter term terrestrial security aspects that should be taken into consideration before proceeding.

<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>

Fortunately, most of the security reports relate to problems encountered at the SETI server end rather than the distributed client end (your computer). One serious security breach that affected those running clients was a break-in to the SETI database server. Hackers stole around 50,000 email addresses and then proceeded to send spam and bragging email to thousands of these addresses. Needless to say, SETI moved very quickly to plug this security hole.

<http://www.vnunet.com/News/1122333>

SETI has been careful to guard their software source as experience has taught them that there are those who are prepared to change the software for their own purposes. In some cases, changes were made with the best of intentions, while in others; the intentions were not so honourable.

<http://www.acm.org/crossroads/columns/onpatrol/september2000.html>

If there are extra-terrestrial intelligences out there, which do not wish to remain invisible, then I believe that SETI@home is our best chance of finding them with our current level of technology. After reviewing the security material, please consider whether you would like to let your PC, Mac or UNIX host join in the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence.

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The UFO Enigma – May 2001

BIZARRE CROATIAN UFO STORY: The following is the exact duplication of a document, filed to NSA in 1993, released by the State Department in July 1997. The initial information was provided by a source, requesting its pursuit through US Government channels - which I (*Armen Victorian Zius@compuserve.com*) did.

"The Russian Ministry of Defence publication of its 'UFO Dossier' made news in Zagreb February 23, 1993. According to press reports, the Soviets claimed that a special unit of 200 of their soldiers stationed near Hanoi in the summer of 1965 fired at a UFO, which appeared in front of their headquarters. The UFO returned fire with a laser-like weapon and the Russians were 'completely dematerialised.' The Ministry of Defence also reportedly claimed that it had arranged a meeting with extraterrestrials, which was to have taken place in Tashkent June 28, 1991. The Russians arrived but nobody came from the other side."

Copy of this transmission from the Ambassador in the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb, was sent to: Secretary of State, Washington; US Mission Geneva; Secretary of Defence, Washington; US European Command; Commander Sixth Fleet; CINC US Air Force Europe - Ramstein; CINC US Air Force Heidelberg GE; CINC US Navy Europe, London; US Embassy, Vienna; US Mission US-UN New York; White House; US Mission US-Vienna; and Joint Staff, Washington.

KOREAN WAR UFO ENCOUNTER: In the early Spring of 1951 Army PFC Francis P. Wall was in an area of Korea known as the "Iron Triangle," near Chorwon with the Army infantry.

They were located on the slopes of a mountain near a Korean village. Soldiers were detailed to warn the populace that the village was going to be bombarded with artillery. With aerial artillery bursts coming in PFC Wall and other soldiers noticed what appeared to be a "jack-o-lantern" to the right of them coming down across the mountain.

The UFO continued on down to the village where it apparently was directly struck by some of the aerial artillery bursts but remained unharmed. The UFO then approached the soldiers and turned into a brilliant pulsating blue-green light. PFC Wall asked for and received permission to fire on the UFO. He then fired on the UFO with his M-1 rifle using armour-piercing bullets. He reported that, *"It must have been metallic because you could hear when the projectile slammed into it."* After being struck by the bullets he said the UFO *"went wild, and the light was going on and off... it was moving erratically from side to side as though it might crash to the ground. Then, a sound - we had heard no sound previous to this - the sound of, like, diesel locomotives revving up."*

The UFO then apparently retaliated against the soldiers with *"some form of a ray that was emitted in pulses, in waves that you could visually see only when it was aimed directly at you. That is to say, like a searchlight sweeps around and ... you would see it coming at you. Now you would feel a burning, tingling sensation all over your body, as though something were penetrating you."* They retreated to their bunkers and observed the UFO as it hovered for a while lighting up the whole area. It then quickly shot off at a 45 degree angle. [Continued on page 21]

Opening UFO Files Backfires On Government

By Laura Sullivan

Delve Report - October 2001

Two years ago, the National Security Agency began posting previously classified documents on its Web site to deflect the growing number of requests each year for information about flying saucers and space aliens. But the plan backfired.

Rather than relieve suspicions that the agency is hiding information about unidentified flying objects, the result has been more people than ever demanding to see UFO documents. A record 36,000 people perused the UFO page last month.

What has piqued UFO believers' interest is not so much what the documents on the Web site say - often little or nothing between the blacked-out censored sections - but their extraordinary volume: thousands of pages of unofficial reports and antiquated radio interceptions from abroad.

Among the postings from the files of the nation's most-secret spy agency is a National Enquirer article with the headline, "Take UFOs Seriously or be Prepared for Sneak Invasion by Space Aliens."

All of this is fuelling speculation among believers who wonder why, for something that doesn't exist, the agency has collected a ton of records.

Staff added

The NSA staff, burdened with hundreds of written requests under the Freedom of Information Act, is not amused. Staff members say the time

required for the UFO requests slows down the response time for all requests.

The agency hasn't kept exact numbers about UFO requests. But Pamela Phillips, chief of FOIA/Privacy Act Services, said the increase in letters asking about UFOs has been "significant," forcing the office to hire several additional staffers.

Phillips said the "conspiracies" that believers are deriving from the postings can be easily explained.

"These documents contain the term UFO, but they are not necessarily about aliens," she said. "They just contain the term which describes an object that was flying that was unidentified" at the time.

As for the Enquirer article, Phillips says it's more likely that it was clipped for amusement and found on someone's desk after he or she retired.

"Some of these documents we collected from the desks of former employees who found them amusing or who had a personal outside interest in this area," Phillips said.

Much of the latest increase in requests is a result of better technology. In the past, people interested in viewing the agency's files would have to find its address and know whom to write to, then type and mail a letter. Now, people can use the [Continued on page 21]

Space Message or Hoax

Anna Pukas

UFO Newscipping Service, Editor and Publisher: Lucius Farish

Ever since man first gazed at the stars, he has been asking: is there anything - or anyone - out there? And if there is, how do we talk to them?

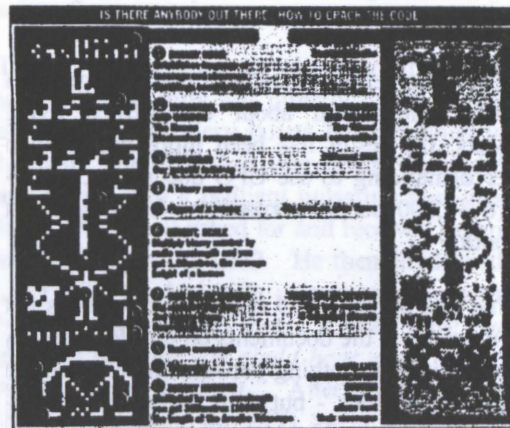
In November 1974, scientists from the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project at NASA decided to try. The occasion was the rededication of SETI's great telescope at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico after a major upgrade.

The great and the good of astrophysics and astronomy, including Carl Sagan, were going to be there and Frank Drake, the director of the observatory, thought it would add a nice touch to transmit a radio message to M13, a cluster of stars located 25,000 light years away and first spotted by the 18th-century astronomer Charles Messier.

The transmission, which became known as the Arecibo Message, was ingenious. It was a graphic consisting of 1,679 "bits" arranged in 73 rows and 23 columns. The numbers were no accident; 1,679 equals 73 times 23 - two prime numbers, which they reasoned, would be recognised as such by any recipients of the message. The Arecibo Message used binary code, the language of computers, as an inter-galactic lingua franca to tell any recipient where it came from, who had sent it and how they had sent it.

This week, nearly three decades later, a new crop circle appeared in a cornfield close to the Chilbolton Observatory in Hampshire. The pattern is an almost exact facsimile of the 1974 transmission. But it is the differences, which

have given crop circle enthusiasts, UFO chasers and scientists reason to pause. Is it the most ingenious example of the 25-year phenomenon of crop circles, skilfully executed by hoaxers? Or has someone replied to the Arecibo Message?



"The Chilbolton 'Arecibo message' Formation"
<http://www.cropcirclesearch.com/articles/arecibo.html>

For dedicated "croppies" such as Michael Glickman, from Wiltshire, there is no debate. "There is no doubt that this formation, as with most others, is an attempt by another being to make contact. The universal language is the language of numbers and shapes and the purest language of all is binary because it reduces and refines everything to 'one' or 'zero', 'on' or 'off', 'yes' or 'no'. By using this simplest of languages with enough complexity, you can answer any question."

Crobbie-sceptic Dr H Paul Shuch is the executive director of SETI League, an international group of astronomers based in New Jersey, US,

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and he is equally certain. "This crop shape is a delightful spoof, done with great art and humour, but there is no reason to believe it is proof of extra-terrestrial intelligence. Sure, it reveals something about the intelligence of beings - human beings."

It is the intricacies of the Chilbolton formation that convince both believer and sceptic that they are right.

So what did the Arecibo Message say? The top line identifies the language as binary and the 10 components show that the sender uses a decimal system of counting. The next two lines denote the chemical composition of Earthlings: hydrogen, nitrogen and carbon. The two swirls represent the DNA helix, telling the recipient: this is what we're made of. The bottom end of the helix meets at the head of a crude stick figure: this is what we look like. The T-shape to the right of the matchstick man is a height scale and the graphic to the left is a binary number: if you multiply that number by the radio wave-length of the signal, you get the answer 1.80 m - the height of an average Earthling.

The line below the matchstick denotes our solar system. The biggest shape on the right is our sun. The smaller square three places away from the Sun is Earth, the third nearest planet to the Sun. The Earth symbol is out of line with the rest and slightly raised towards the stick figure to show: this is where we come from. The sizes of the other symbols in the line correspond to the sizes of the other planets in our solar system.

The symbol at the bottom incorporating the M-shape is a radio wave and another binary number. If you multiply the number with the radio wavelength on which the message was transmitted (2,380 MHz), the answer is 305m, which is

the length of the Arecibo telescope. This, we are saying, is how we sent the message.

The message was composed by Frank Drake, but present at its transmission was Dr Bernard Olive, vice-president of engineering at Hewlett-Packard but also the head of the Cyclops Project, a 1971 NASA-sponsored study in the design of interstellar communications systems.

"The presence of Dr Oliver is significant," says Dr Shuch. During Cyclops, he devised a binary message and sent it to top scientists. He asked them to imagine it was a message from an unknown source. How would they interpret it? No one cracked the code. So how would an alien, with no familiar points of reference, get it?

So what does the Chilbolton Reply say? The top line is the same: a confirmation, perhaps that the "sender" speaks binary. The first discrepancy comes in the chemical composition segment. Instead of hydrogen, nitrogen and carbon, we have hydrogen, nitrogen and silicon. To Dr Shuch, this shows someone (and someone human) is having a joke. "Silicon is the stuff of life forms in science fiction ... It is also what computers are made of. Some have argued that computers are the descendants of humans, that we're evolving into silicon-based life."

The Chilbolton Reply depicts DNA but one strand is jagged rather than a swirl. The alien is saying it is made of DNA too, but different DNA. The matchstick figure has acquired a huge head. "I guess the inference is bigger head, bigger brain," says Dr Shuch.

The alien then tells us about where he lives. His solar system appears to have twin suns and not one but three planets which are inhabited - planets three, four and five.

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Below that is a figure that appears to represent a communications satellite with solar panels, "which looks remarkably like the satellites we have" according to Dr Shuch.

There are serious reasons for his scepticism. The first is the way the message was delivered. "Arecibo was transmitted by radio waves. They are a good, simple communications system. So why not reply in the same way? Why send your response to a field thousands of miles away in Britain, when we have many more fields of grain and grass in America?"

He also points out that the M13 cluster is 25,000 light years away - so the Arecibo Message won't even be there for thousands and thousands of years! "We're not talking about imposing the limits of our intelligence upon a superior being," he says. "This is about the limits of nature and it doesn't matter how superior your intelligence, you can't make radio waves move faster than the speed of light."

What if the Arecibo Message were intercepted by travelling aliens closer to earth? "The message was specifically targeted. They'd have to be in exactly the right spot, using the exact same radio frequency. I'm not saying the odds are zero but they are staggeringly small."

For Michael Glickman, the reasons for Dr Shuch's debunking of Chilton are precisely the reasons for his belief that the crop formation is communication from the great beyond. "It is breathtaking arrogance to presume they [aliens] would use radio when we've been visited by crop circles already," he says. Or to presume the message is a direct reply to Arecibo. "This is a 'to whom it may concern' sort of message."

The modified copy of the Arecibo Message was not the only crop pattern to appear in the field a

week last Sunday. Some yards away is another rectangular formation, made up of dozens of circles. Viewed from a distance, they look like a shadowy human (or humanoid) face.

"There is a positive and precise geometric relationship between the two formations," says Glickman. But why a face? "It could be a sort of snapshot or reflection of the sender, but executed in a form that won't alarm humans."

Much razzmatazz surrounded the Arecibo Message in 1974. But by 1993, political priorities had changed and the US government cancelled SETI's funding. It was reborn as the SETI Institute with a private endowment of \$30million. It has an annual budget of around \$7million and almost all its 120 employees have connections with the old SETI. The 1,000ft-long Arecibo remains in place in a natural, almost spherical, crater (believed to be the site of a meteorite crash) in Puerto Rico where it still surveys the skies.

The SETI League was founded in 1994 and has nearly 1,300 members worldwide, a \$160,000-a-year budget and two staff. Most members are passionate amateurs working from 105 home-made telescopes. While they do not discount the possibility of other life in outer space, SETI Leaguers say any manifestations of it must be repeat occurrences and independently verified. The SETI heartland in Britain is centred around Cambridge.

Crop circles are an almost exclusively British phenomenon and have become big business as a tourist feature in counties such as Glickman's Wiltshire. In 1991, two artists claimed they had been making circles for 13 years for a laugh, using planks pulled by ropes through grain fields.

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But despite other hoaxers going public, Glickman argues that the majority of crop circles cannot be manmade because no humans - especially working in haste, in darkness and in secret - could create such geometric perfection. Yet Dr Shuch says: "A well co-ordinated team could do it. Crop circles are enigmatic, which popular culture loves but science hates."

For centuries, if anyone wondered if there was anybody out there, there was only one permitted

answer: God. Even as late as 1961, Carl Sagan was denied tenure at the University of California at Berkeley for publicly discussing the possibility of extra-terrestrial life.

"Good science comes from speculation," says Dr Shuch. "Crop circles are fantastic pranks. We should look at them as high art. But they have made it acceptable for ordinary people to speculate about other civilisations beyond our planet or galaxy."

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Three days later all of the soldiers suffered from the symptoms of radiation poisoning and had to be evacuated by ambulance. PFC Wall stated that, "since that time I have periods of disorientation, memory loss, and I dropped from 180 pounds to 138 pounds after I got back to this country. And I've had great difficulty keeping

my weight up. Indeed, I'm retired and disabled today."

(Credit: www.sightings.com, John Timmerman and the J. Allan Hynek Centre for UFO Studies courtesy of CNI News)

Opening UFO Files

agency's on-line request form to ask for documents, made even easier with a ready-made letter template. Visitors can send in multiple requests in seconds.

The agency hasn't added to the UFO page - at

<http://nsa.gov/docs/efoia/released/ufo.html>

since its first posting two years ago, but it plans to soon, Phillips said, especially for the most commonly requested items.

Agency officials said most of the UFO requests they receive ask for information about specific

words pulled from the online documents. Enthusiasts believe the agency categorizes documents under key words - and they just haven't hit on the right word yet.

In pre-Internet times, most requests for documents with a key word would centre on popular tales such as "Area 51," "Roswell" or "Philadelphia Experiment." Today, the requested key words are more numerous, prompting agency officials to compile lists of common ones - such as "snowbird" and "sigma" - and the results of those searches, so they don't duplicate their efforts.

IMAX Space Station Tour

Filer's Files #17-2002, George A. Filer,
Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern

Kennedy Space Centre - Yesterday, my wife and I visited the new Space Station now being built. Tom Cruise narrated the new IMAX in 3-D show that makes you feel like you are in space and captures the everyday life of astronauts as they work, swim, eat, and sleep in microgravity. We enjoyed the new show that even has an alien in it. The alien is a plastic representation of a grey being floating inside the Space Station.

I was surprised to see how large and developed the station is and the camaraderie between Russian and US astronauts. There were virtually no night shots and no anomalies in space, although they showed a clear shot of ice. The 3-D effect was interesting, and many shots brought the astronauts or part of the craft right up to you, so you felt you could reach out and touch it. One astronaut threw an orange right at the audience, that seemed to bounce off my shoulder. Frankly, I like the standard IMAX presentations best, since nothing seemed very clear to me.

We also took the grand tour of Cape Kennedy, which is well worth seeing. The flights of Apollo to the moon were spectacular, but there was almost no photos or video of the moon. I touched a moon rock, talked to an astronaut, but I wonder why close ups of the moon were shown

on 20 inch TV screens. That part was very disappointing; I wanted to see the moon on a big screen.

What surprised me was the gigantic size of the NASA complex and buildings, but even more amazing off to the north you could view the Air Force facilities that are even larger. The size of the facilities makes me wonder what advanced systems are being developed?

The Air Force recently announced they plan on building a manoeuvrable space plane. General Ed Eberhart, head of US Space Command says, "The military is looking into building a spacecraft that could drop bombs from space, fix orbiting satellites and give better pictures of the battlefield. The Pentagon has military satellites that provide navigation, communication, weather, reconnaissance and missile warning information, all considered key to US interests, but none of them has weapons.

Back during the Eisenhower Administration the X-15 flew into lower space some fifty miles high. It seems reasonable to assume we have something flying in space now. I should also mention the B-52 Bomber first flew fifty years ago this month.

Are You Financial

Please Check your Address Label

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Lae, Papua New Guinea - January 3, 1960 *LUFORO Bulletin* (London UFO Research Organisation). At about 05:00 a.m. Mr John Awui and five other members of the crew were on the M. V. MacLaren King, a 70 ft Mission launch, which was anchored offshore at Lae. The morning was dull with low clouds and there could not have been much daylight. Mr Awui said, "We saw an object in the sky just over a mile away out to sea. It was in the shape of an umbrella and was white in colour, as if painted. I would say that its size was about 40 or 50 feet across. It had four 'windows' on the under-side. As we watched it moved slowly to and fro but it did not come near us. After about an hour it passed upwards through the clouds and we did not see it again. We heard no sound from it."

Sussex Downs, England - October 29, 1967 *The UFORC Journal* (U.F.O. Research Committee). At 06:45 p.m. Paul Quick, while pushing his motorcycle, which had broken down, through a thickly wooded estate in West Sussex, saw what looked like a rugby ball on its side floating towards him. "It was one and a half times the size of a double-decker bus and it was quite silent. It was about 250 feet up", Quick said. It paused in front of him and then disappeared behind some trees. He ran the rest of the way home where he and the other members of his family watched as the strange object came down on the crest of the Downs about two miles from the house. Mrs Quick said, "It looked like a yellow light much wider at one end then trailing off to the other end. There were occasional flashes of light from it. The yellow light turned to a deep red glow and then the object went over the Downs and disappeared.

Jacksonville, Florida - February 28, 1968 *The UFO Investigator* (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). At 07:45 p.m. the three-man crew of an Eastern Air Lines ferry flight from St. Louis to Miami saw a string of unknown lights that caused the pilot to take evasive action. Travelling at 18,000 feet, Captain Robert F. Reilman, Flight Officer A. J. Farmer and Safety Officer Rick Morrison first noticed a red flashing light at their altitude. The pilot said the light was at their 11:30 position about halfway between Jacksonville and Orlando.

"Who's this at our 11:30 position?" Captain Reilman asked a nearby control centre. The centre replied that they had been in communication with a plane 15 miles away. "Well this guy isn't 15 miles away," the pilot replied. "He's at 11:30, has one flashing red light and three - now four - red lights strung out - one red light has turned to green".

At this point Captain Reilman prepared to take evasive action. The centre radioed back that they had spotted no targets on their radarscope. "Come on," Reilman responded, "he's going right by us at our 09:00 position." The centre still replied that they had no targets and that no balloons were in the vicinity.

"I dropped the subject and proceeded to Miami," the captain concluded.

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Received By VUFORS

Please report your sighting to VUFORS via the following means.

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Phone: (03) 9506 7080

Web: <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~vufors> (reporting support coming soon)

Postal: VUFORS, PO Box 1043, Moorabbin, Vic. 3189, Australia.

Delahey, Vic

31st Dec 1999, 11:50 p.m.

The witness reports that the sighting occurred within the vicinity of Kings Park, Delahey. Initially, his attention was drawn to an orange and red circular light at about 40° above the horizon. It was the apparent size of the moon and appeared to be glowing and hot.

This first object was larger than a helicopter and smaller than a 747 aircraft, and was gliding quite fast, but was not emitting any discernable sound. None of the total of three objects could be heard at any time.

The weather conditions were fine and warm with no wind. The area was residential and the objects were seen for seven to eight minutes in total. As these objects were observed during the critical Y2K bug period, the witness felt that these were not likely to be man made flying objects.

Leongatha, Vic.

1st Mar 2002, 10:20 p.m.

Witness observed an object, which was larger than a star and orange in colour, moving from

north east to east. I was attracted to the object by its unusual brightness and colour I then called my wife and friend to view the object, which became brighter and changed to multi-colours a number of times before getting very small and seeming to travel directly away until it was gone from sight.

The conditions at the time were fine with no wind. The area is undulating and hilly.

The Grampians, Vic.

14th Mar 2002, 10.30 p.m.

The observer was attracted by the brightness of a large, round, white object with three smaller objects, all smaller than the moon, seemingly between one and two kilometres away.

They were seen in the northwest for about 30 seconds, at an estimated height of about 10 to 15 degrees. The one on the left seemed to move quite a bit towards the witness. The others did not move much at all. The speed of the objects was not known.

Mildura, Vic.

19th Mar 2002, 08:00 p.m.

I was looking towards the west when I observed a 'skinny' silver ball with a blue tail, about the size of a 5 cent piece. It appeared to go straight towards the ground, shuddered a bit, and dropped off a piece of its tail.

Weather conditions were fine and it was around sunset and the object was viewed through the window of a moving vehicle. My reaction was 'startled' because some thing was coming

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towards my car. The object moved away quite fast, but not extremely fast.

Caroline Springs, Vic.

25th Mar 2002, 07:21 a.m.

March 25th - Mar 27th - travelling to work at 07:21 a.m. in the morning I noticed a bright light in the north east sky. Its shape was like that of a knife blade glimmering in the night. Weather conditions: clear and at sunrise. An aeroplane was in the same sky. I have taken photos and waiting to be developed. I always carry a camera in my car. Sighting something odd was the last thought on my mind.

Warrnambool, Vic.

1st Apr 2002, Evening

I live in Warrnambool, Victoria Aus. I want to report a sighting over my town, an object I saw come from the southern sky at a great speed. It was clearly not a plane but it emitted a white flash like a plane every 30 seconds and was luminescent in the night sky so it couldn't have been a satellite or at least I don't think it could have been. The thing that bowled me over was this things speed

Corio, Vic.

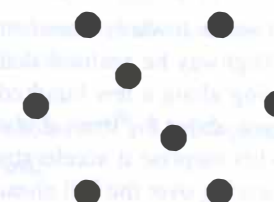
22nd Apr 2002, 07:00 p.m.

Observer and 10 year old son were driving home from Corio after attending the library to borrow some books on UFO's, when she looked to her left and saw for about 5 seconds, a round circle of about five red, bright lights with two in the middle.

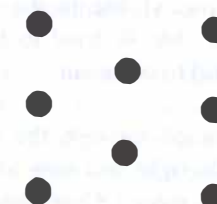
The lights appeared to be the same colour as traffic lights. She said that had they been close to it, it would have been as large as a house.

She thought it might have been the underside of an UFO. The 10 year old son saw it slightly differently. He said it was more like a rectangle with 3 lights down each side and two in the middle.

All Spots Are Bright Red



UFO Pattern Reported By Witness



UFO Pattern Reported By Son

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Tasmanian Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Centre Newsletter - February 2002

P.O. Box 174, South Hobart, Tasmania 7004, Australia

2001. April 5th. 05:15 a.m. Beaconsfield.

Mr W was puzzled to see a bright white light to his east when he set out for work one morning in early April. At first he thought it might be the morning star (Venus). Then he realised that the star was moving northwards in the sky. He still did not take much notice, as he had to set off for work.

As he headed south towards Launceston on the West Tamar Highway he realised that the large light was moving along a few hundred metres to his east, and just above the trees at about 50 metres. Then to his surprise it accelerated ahead of his car disappearing over the hill ahead.

Mr W continued on his usual route to work turning left to cross the Batman Bridge. He could now see the light to his southeast. However, as he travelled east the light once again moved north until it was visible to the north of the Batman Bridge. Mr W tried to take a photograph but it failed to come out.

Mr W now headed through the hills towards Pipers River, the light was now lost from sight due to hills and trees. Once out in the open again near 06:15 a.m. he picked up a distant light to the east that looked to elevate and fade in the morning light.

A check on the location of planet Venus on the morning of the sighting shows it did not rise until just before 06:00 a.m. The light he observed later on from the Pipers River area may well have been Venus, but what then did Mr W spot earlier on at 05:15 a.m.?

2001. May 18th. 07:22 a.m. Newstead.

This is yet another mystery shape from the north of the state, a bit reminiscent of the 1996 cases in that area. Several witnesses were outside for a 'smoke' when they spotted a puzzling shape in the northeastern sky. One of the witnesses had time to view the shape through binoculars. The silver metallic shape shone in the clear morning sky as it moved down and away from the witnesses.

It looked at first to be oval like with a rounded top. However, it changed position to present a side on view. It now was more of an elongated teardrop with an orange to red shield like feature around the object. This shield feature had two balls that rotated around the outside of the shape in a clockwise direction but always on opposite sides to each other.

There seemed to be a faint droning sound that could have come from the object. It disappeared as the witness was watching through the binoculars. It looked to just disappear in the middle of a clear blue sky. Despite checks with media and Police no other reports of the object were forthcoming.

2001. May 31st. 06:30 p.m. East Devonport.

Mrs K tells how she and her daughter were just leaving Devonport en-route to Port Sorell. Her daughter noticed two very bright objects coming towards them from the northeast. She quickly pulled over to the side of the road as her daughter insisted it was something 'strange'.

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The objects were travelling fast but at the same time moving in unison in a zigzag pattern. They moved across the road ahead and went away more to the west out over Bass Strait. The objects were perfectly round, very bright and metallic coloured. They were about 2 moons apart as they travelled across the sky.

2001. July 9th. 11:14 p.m. Norwood.

The Centre received some interesting images copied from a video of a flashing, moving light seen from a Norwood residence.

The witness had been watching the tennis final from Wimbledon and had gone outside for a spell of fresh air. Turning to go back inside he noticed a very bright star high in the sky moving towards the NNW horizon. What really caught the eye though was the flashing light from the star. The witness said you simply couldn't miss it.

It seemed to be cycling through a pattern of red, green, and blue colours. The witness was aware of stars that scintillate but this star was moving from the edge of the Milky Way past stars that remained, static in colour.

The witness went quickly inside to grab his Sony video camera and start shooting a picture of the star before it disappeared.

Physically he said it appeared in the sky bigger than Mars but very bright. It travelled from high in the sky (60/70 degrees) towards the horizon until lost from view behind a house on the top side of the street (25 degrees).

The witness first watched the star for about a minute, taped it for a bit more than a minute,

then tried to get his wife out to see the light by which time it had disappeared. It probably took 3 minutes to cover some 40 degrees of sky.

Investigation into possible satellites eliminated this explanation as none could be seen after 8 p.m. that evening due to the earth's rotation. The light did not appear to be commercial aircraft as Launceston Airport had closed and there were no overflights from Hobart.

Checks on high altitude air traffic are not possible. However, a close look at the video reveals it is about 1 1/2 minutes long, and in that time the star moves about 1 degree to the witnesses left. It is doubtful an aircraft would have remained in the same location.

2001. October 9th. 11:00 p.m. Geeveston.

Two witnesses had been out walking on a property. On returning home they sat on the veranda looking at the southern sky.

One pointed out to the other a half circle shape just west of the Southern Cross.

It looked opaque inside but had a well-defined edge and was two times the size of the moon. The object changed to more of a round shape as it moved left a short distance before returning to its original position. It then moved slowly to the right and became stationary. The witnesses said it was there a long time before it seemingly just disappeared in mid-air.

No other calls were received for what was a sighting of some duration. No astronomical explanations were found to account for the report.

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UFO ENCOUNTER, December-March 2002, Compiled by Sheryl Gottschall

Fernvale **Sunday 09/12/01, 09:00 p.m.**

A man was driving on the highway towards Ipswich. When he was approximately 10 km from Fernvale, near the Booralan prison, he observed a white light one km in front of him.

The light appeared to be on the roadway ahead of him but as he approached, it jumped up in a vertical direction to a height of about 20 feet above the road. It then moved sideways and travelled above the tree line, appearing to keep pace with the vehicle.

He phoned his wife on his mobile phone and she reported seeing it too. The light began to change to red, white and an "orangey weird colour".

The object travelled past Fernvale out towards Esk, then back over Fernvale eventually speeding up towards Ipswich. The witness lives in the flight path of Amberley and stated that jets did not travel as fast as this thing.

He rang Amberley and was told their tower was closed and the airspace restricted.

Gailes **Sunday 09/12/01, evening**

A man reported hearing what he thought was a train with a funny hollow sound, whirring and echoing becoming louder and louder and eventually speeding past his home in the middle of the night. He raced to the window but saw nothing.

He estimated the noise went past his house in 1/10th of a second and sounded like nothing he had ever heard before. There were no lights or illumination and no movement in the surrounding environment to mark its passing.

He further described the sound as "a ball bearing in a tin spinning around and a whipper-snipper not touching the ground". He knew it wasn't a plane, rocket or car and the noise gave him a "hell of a fright".

Sherwood **Wednesday 12/12/01, 10:00 p.m.**

A light was seen in the sky travelling from east to west in a constant path. It was approximately 300 to 400 metres high, yellow-orange like a flame and round in shape. There was no noise as it passed overhead. Its apparent size was 1/4 of the size of the moon. It was observed by two witnesses for 2 to 3 minutes.

Crestmead **Tuesday 15/01/02, 01:50 a.m.**

A woman reported a sighting she observed before Christmas, of 13 or 14 disc-shaped orange lights flying in formation. There was no sound.

She also reported, on New Years Eve she hosted a get together in her home. This time, four orange lights were witnessed by herself and her thirty guests. Again, there was no sound. They came from the north to northeast direction.

She estimated they were 3 to 4 times larger than a star. She also stated she had experiences in her childhood that were UFO related.

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Auchenflower **Tuesday 29/01/02, 09:02 p.m.**

A man observed a fast moving white/yellow light to the east, moving west to east. It had an oval shape and moved horizontally along its long axis at about the apparent height of high-rise buildings in Brisbane city, a few kilometres away.

It was seen for one second only and then seemed to switch off because it did not disappear in the distance or move behind any obstruction. It was a clear night and no clouds were in the sky about the object. There was no associated sound, the brightness, size and shape of the object were constant, and its outline was slightly fuzzy.

The witness had not seen anything like it before. His wife and son were with him but could not respond quickly enough to see the object.

Richlands **Friday 22/02/02, 09:50 p.m.**

A woman happened to look out a front window from a darkened room and on the acreage property of a neighbour across the road to the north she saw what at first seemed to be the front of a very high truck seen by moonlight. When she looked closer she saw a giant dome-shaped vehicle accompanied by four pods that seemed to be scraping things off the ground as they went, with arm-like appendages.

The object was moving slowly towards her and was only about 30 metres away at last sighting. She went to another room to turn on an outside light, and when she looked again the object was gone. In the moonlight the object looked metallic grey and was about 5 metres wide with the pods extending beyond its own width being about a metre in size.

Tullamarine, Vic **Monday 25/02/02**

An incident occurred 12 years ago at 05:00 p.m. one afternoon. The witness was a taxi driver at the time, travelling to Tullamarine Airport (Melbourne). He observed a boomerang-shaped sky blue metallic object in the sky.

He stopped the taxi and got out to observe it. It was in the shape of half an egg shell. The taxi driver watched the object hover for a split second then it took off leaving behind a small white cloud. He observed the object in total for one minute.

He also reported an incident, again 12 years ago, at 03:00 a.m. one morning, which occurred while he was driving his taxi into the city. He saw something in the sky like a star which changed colour from white to orange, blue then yellow. It appeared to block his two-way radio, which used an FM band. The object came down to within 100 ft above his taxi and began chasing him. As it chased him it turned white. It chased him for 12 km, consistently remaining above his taxi.

He also reported picking up a sergeant from the Point Cook army air base as a fare during his taxi driving career, who advised him not to tell people about the things he sees. The sergeant told him that pilots always see things in the sky but don't tell anyone about it.

Manly **Friday 01/03/02**

A man was standing in a sports field observing the sky when he saw a reddish-orange light, which was beneath cloud cover travelling south to north. It appeared from the south moving towards the airport. It had no flashing lights

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and was travelling in a straight line at a consistent speed similar to that of an aircraft. He observed the object for 2 to 3 minutes. He also reported it as being slightly triangular in shape and marginally bigger than a plane.

Toowong

Wednesday 27/02/02, 09:00-09:30 p.m.

A woman reported seeing two craft in the north-eastern sky moving at the "speed of light". They

had a red light on one end and a white light on the other end. When they moved to the south-west, both objects plunged off in different directions. They made no sound and it seemed to her that one was chasing the other. She observed the objects for three to four minutes. There was no cloud in the sky.

Crop Circles Reappear in B.C. Field

By Ian Bailey – National Post

Residents of a small northern British Columbia community are thinking close encounters and magnetic forces as they try to explain a series of crop circles left in a barley field.

It's the second time in three years that mysterious circles have been found in a field in Vanderhoof, a farming and forestry community about 900 kilometres northwest of Vancouver in the geographical centre of B.C.

In 1998, 10 mysterious circles were found in farmer Philip Long's field of ripe oats near the airport runway, some up to 30 metres in diameter.

The latest circles - six that are about seven metres in diameter, were found in Mr Long's barley field, also near the airport.

Len Fox, Mayor of the community of about 4,000 people, says the new circles are the talk of the district. "There are all kinds of explanations," Mr Fox said yesterday. "You name it. Everyone has their own theory."

The new circles were first detected last Thursday by Brent Miskiski, owner of a local six-plane airline, Central Air.

"By fluke, I looked down and noticed the formation: six circles perfectly formed in a field," Mr Miskiski said yesterday.

The next day, he took his camera up in his single-engine aircraft and took a series of photos of the circles.

"When you look at them, they're not stamped into the field. It's like they're combed into the field."

The circles look as if someone pressed a giant glass or coaster into the crops, crushing them flat, observers say.

Mr Miskiski also discovered the 1998 series of the mysterious circles, a phenomenon that has been linked to everything from aliens to unknown natural energies to "Mother Earth" to nature spirits to psychic manipulation.

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SOCIETY HISTORY

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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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